



Attorney Docket No. 01395/LH

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Katsuya SUZUKI et al  
Serial No. : 09/897,750  
Filed : June 9, 2001  
For : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR  
PRESERVING MEDICAL DATA  
Art Unit : 2175  
Examiner : M. A. Spiegel

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RECEIVED**

**APR 01 2003**

**Technology Center 2100**

S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002, the term for response to which is extended by one month by Petition filed concurrently herewith to expire on March 19, 2003.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 11, without prejudice, and please substitute amended claim 15 and add new claims 19-32 as follows:

*B<sup>1</sup>*  
15. (Second Amended) A medical data preservation method according to Claim 10, wherein all of the medical image data stored in said storage device is backed up for each examination at a time in said image backup device.

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on the date noted below.

*Melissa Marks*  
Melissa Marks

Dated: March 19, 2003

In the event that this Paper is late filed, and the necessary petition for extension of time is not filed concurrently herewith, please consider this as a Petition for the requisite extension of time, and to the extent not tendered by check attached hereto, authorization to charge the extension fee, or any other fee required in connection with this Paper, to Account No. 06-1378.

SC  
#118  
3/1-03